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SUBJ: REMARKS OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT SADAT
FOLLOWING MEETING IN ASWAN, MARCH 13, 1975.

REF: STATE 24911

1. QUOTE DR. KISSINGER: THE PRESIDENT AND I HAVE HAD VERY
CONSTRUCTIVE AND FRUITFUL MEETING. WE HAVE EXAMINED A NUMBER OF
PRINCIPALS AND SOME CONCRETE IDEAS, AND I'LL BE TAKING SOME OF THESE
CONCRETE IDEAS WITH ME TO ISRAEL TOMORROW.

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2. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO ADD?

3. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: I CONFIRM DR. KISSINGER'S STATEMENT.

4. QUESTION: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK DR. KISSINGER WHETHER HE THINKS THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE CONCRETE IDEAS HE IS TAKING BACK TO ISRAEL THE ISRAELI CABINET WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE CONCRETE IDEAS OF ITS OWN ON SATURDAY?

5. ANSWER: DR. KISSINGER: I AM OF COURSE IN NO POSITION TO SPEAK FOR THE ISRAELI CABINET, BUT I EXPECT THAT THERE WILL BE SOME CONCRETE ISRAELI IDEAS WHEN I RETURN.

6. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THIS EVENING OF TROOP MOVEMENTS ON THE EGYPTIAN FRONT. CAN YOU TELL US IF THESE REPORTS ARE BASED ON ANYTHING SUBSTANTIAL?

7. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: NOT AT ALL, THE EGYPTIAN SIDE NOT AT ALL.

8. QUESTION: THERE HAS BEEN NO CONCENTRATION OF EGYPTIAN FORCES ALONG THE SINAI FRONT?

9. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: NOT AT ALL, WE ARE HONORING OUR SIGNATURE ON THE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. WE HAVE WITH US GENERAL GAMASY.

10. (IN ARABIC) GARBLED.

11. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: (TRANSLATION FROM ARABIC) IN MY TALKS WITH DR. KISSINGER WE HAVE MOVED FROM GENERALITIES TO SPECIFICS, WHICH DR. KISSINGER WILL TAKE WITH HIM TO ISRAEL, AFTER WHICH HE WILL RETURN TO US. AT THIS STAGE THERE IS NO ROOM FOR GUESSWORK. WE WAIT DR. KISSINGER'S RETURN (END TRANSLATION)

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, YOU TOLD US LAST TIME THAT YOU EXPECTED THIS TO BE A HARD ROUND. DO YOU STILL FEEL THAT WAY, OR DO YOU THINK IT WILL BE ANY EASIER?

3. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: I EXPECT IT TO BE DIFFICULT AND UNCLASSIFIED

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14. QUESTION: MR. SECRETARY, DO YOU HAVE A BETTER ESTIMATE NOW OF HOW LONG THE SHUTTLE MIGHT LAST?

15. ANSWER: DR. KISSINGER: I DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY ESTIMATES AS TO THE LENGTH OF TIME. OF COURSE, I THINK ALL PARTIES HAVE AN INTEREST IN MOVING IT AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE.

16. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, IS EGYPT NOW PREPARED TO GIVE WRITTEN ASSURANCES TO REFRAIN FROM BEGINNING HOSTILITIES AGAINST ISRAEL?

17. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, MAYBE YOU REMEMBER THE STATEMENT I MADE IN PARIS. WE ARE NOT AIMING AT ALL TO START ANY HOSTILITIES, BUT ASSURANCE MUST BE ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, AND IT IS PREMATURE NOW TO SPEAK ABOUT SPECIFICS.

18. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, ON THE BASIS OF THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SO FAR, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT AN AGREEMENT IS NOW LIKELY?

19. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: I HOPE SO, BUT I CAN'T CONFIRM IT UNTIL AFTER DR. KISSINGER RETURNS.

20. QUESTION: DR. KISSINGER, ARE YOU CARRYING ANYTHING ON PAPER TO SHOW ANYTHING AT ALL IN THE FORM OF MAPS, DRAWINGS?

21. ANSWER: DR. KISSINGER: WE HAVE NOT REACHED THAT POINT YET. I HAVE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND HIS ASSOCIATES ON TWO SUCCESSIVE EVENINGS AND I THINK I CAN REFLECT THEIR THINKING IN A RATHER PRECISE FASHION, WITHOUT THE HELP OF MAPS.

22. QUESTION (UNCLEAR)

23. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, AS I HAVE SAID BEFORE, I THINK THE MISSION OF DR. KISSINGER HAS TWO MAIN AIMS. THE FIRST IS TO DEFUSE THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION THAT EXISTS IN THE AREA NOW, AND SECOND TO PUSH THE PEACE PROCESS. I HAVE STATED ALSO THAT THE
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DEFUSION OF THE EXPLOSIVE SITUATION MEANS THAT THERE MUST BE SOME ISRAELI GESTURE OF PEACE ON THE THREE FRONTS.

24. QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, COULD YOU GIVE US SOME HINT WHAT YOUR IDEAS ARE ABOUT?

25. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: IT IS PREMATURE, STILL PREMATURE.

26. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, IS IT POSSIBLE THAT THE AGREEMENT WILL BE IN SOME SORT OF PHASED FORMAT, IN OTHER WORDS, A SERIES OF STAGES OF ACTION BY ISRAEL AND BY EGYPT? IS IT POSSIBLE IT WILL BE MORE ALONG THOSE LINES?

27. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: WHY DONT YOU WAIT UNTIL IT IS ACHIEVED?

28.QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, DR. KISSINGER HAS SAID THAT HE BELIEVES THAT BOTH SIDES IN THESE NEGOTIATIONS WANT PEACE, DO YOU BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL WANTS PEACE?

29.ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: WELL, I SHALL BE WAITING THE RETURN OF DR. KISSINGER HERE. DR. KISSINGER CAN SEE BOTH SIDES, BUT I CAN'T SEE THE OTHER SIDE MYSELF. I SHALL BE AWAITING THE RETURN OF DR. KISSINGER.

30. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, ARE YOU MORE OPTIMISTIC NOW THAN YOU WERE BEFORE YOU HEARD THE LATEST ISRAELI RESPONSE THROUGH DR. KISSINGER? WHAT IS YOUR FEELING NOW?

31. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: I AM STILL OPTIMISTIC, YES.

32 QUESTION: MORE THAN BEFORE?

33. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: STILL OPTIMISTIC, BECAUSE IT IS MY MOOD. I AM OPTIMISTIC ALWAYS.

34. QUESTION: MR PRESIDENT, COULD DESCRIBE OR WOULD YOU DEFINE FOR US WHAT IS THE MOST DIFFICULT AREAS OF THE TALKS? DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFICS ABOUT WHAT HAS BEEN THE MOST DIFFICULT AREA OF NEGOTIATIONS?

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35. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: I THINK YOU SHOULD ASK DR. KISSINGER THIS QUESTION.

36. DR. KISSINGER: AT THIS POINT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MAKE A JUDGEMENT ON WHICH IS THE MOST DIFFICULT POINT.

37. QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED HAVING JOINT PATROLS INSTEAD OF A UN FORCE TO POLICE THE AREA THAT WOULD BE DEMILITARIZED?

38. ANSWER: MR. KISSINGER: REMEMBER OUR AGREEMENT MR. PRESIDENT (LAUGHTER)

39. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: AS I SAID, IN ALL THESE DETAILS IT IS PREMATURE TO SAY ANYTHING NOW.

40. QUESTION: YOU DO NOT RULE IT OUT, EXCLUDE IT?

41. ANSWER: PRESIDENT SADAT: CERTAINLY, CERTAINLY, BUT AS I SAID, IT IS PREMATURE.
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